Chetak helicopter crash in the Western sector sometime in mid September, 1986;

(b) whether a Naval aircraft had also crashed into the sea off Goa recently during a routine training sortie; and that its crew is missing;

(c) whether an Airforce officer and a flying cadet was killed following crash of a trainer craft of the IAF in the Southern sector recently;

(d) if so, what is the number of IAF aircraft accidents since the beginning of 1986, till date and how the figures compare with the accidents during the corresponding period in 1985, stating the estimated loss suffered on account of loss of the aircraft and the number of IAF officers killed; and

(e) what measures have been taken by Government to prevent the increasing number of IAF aircraft accidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The information regarding the total number of accidents, estimated loss and the number of IAF officers who lost their lives in these accidents is classified and cannot be disclosed in the public interest.

(e) The major causes of air accidents have been identified to be human errors, technical defects and bird strikes.

To reduce accidents due to human error the training scheme for pilots has been revised. Training syllabi, especially with regard to instrument and night flying, have been reviewed, and standards established are being strictly monitored. The assessment and categorisation of pilots is also being reviewed. Selection test are being modified to identify the flying aptitude and mental qualities required for service pilots.

To avoid accidents caused by technical defects due to design or manufacturing deficiencies, consultations are held with the manufacturers, when such causes are established, to introduce modifications in the aircraft. With a view to reducing servicing errors the Wing maintenance organisation has been restructured, and the percentage of untrained technicians has been reduced. Experienced Supervisors have been placed in charge of aircraft servicing and repairs, and teams of technicians have been forced to service particular aircraft Technical Type Training Schools are also being established for particular types of aircraft.

To reduce bird hazard a few teams have been established to destroy birds in the approach funnels to the runways in selected airfields on an experimental basis. Steps have also been taken in some airfields, where bird population is especially high to improve hygienic conditions there in, and pigeon proof buildings to discourage the bird population.

Discussions for licenced production of Soviet designed defence equipment

1089. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether an official Indian delegation, led by the Minister of State for Defence had visited Soviet Union in September, 1986 to hold discussions with the Soviet Experts on matters relating to licenced production of Soviet-designed equipment in India; and

(b) if so, what was the precise outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) An official delegation led by Shri Sukh Ram, the then Minister of State for Defence, visited USSR on a goodwill mission from 18 to 25 September, 1986. During the visit, the delegation discussed with the Soviet authorities various issues relating to defence production projects being set up in

India under licence from USSR. The Soviet side was receptive to the Indian standpoint and on receptive to the Indian standpoint and on most of the issues positive responses were received from them.

Issue of identity cards to persons living in border areas

1090. SHR KALPNATH RAI:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to issue identity cards for people living in border areas, particularly northern borders of Punjab with a view to check effectively the illegal entry of foreign nationals and terrorists; and

(b) if so, by when the system is likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and (b) A pilot scheme for issue of identity cards in four selected tehsils in four border districts of Rajasthan has been approved and is in the process of implementation by the State Government. The State Governments of Punjab and Gujarat have been advised to consider preparation of similar pilot schemes.

Kudal Commission report regarding irregularities in Kerala Gandhi Smark Nidhi

1091. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kudal Commission has, in its report submitted to Government sometime back, indicted the trustees of the Gandhi National Museum, besides pointing out gross irregularities in the Kerala Gandhi Smarak Nidhi;

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the findings of the Commission;

(c) what action has been taken by Government in the matter; and

(d) whether a copy of the report is proposed to be placed on the Table of the Rajya Sabha?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) The 4th and 5th Interim Reports containing cases against Gandhi National Museum and Kerala Gandhi Smarak Nidhi are under examination. The same will be placed on the Table of the Sabha in due course of time.

Implementation of four Zones of Dandak Project

1092. SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:
SHRI CHITTA BASU:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state what are the details of progress made in implementation of the four zones of Dandak Project for the resettlement of the displaced persons from East Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): As on 30|9|1986, 25,260 families have been settled in the four zones of the Dandakaranya Project.

As the rehabilitation aspect has almost been completed in these zones, three of the four zones have already been transferred to the respective State Governments.

A Working Group has also been set up to determine the modalities for transfer of assets|institutions of the last and the fourth zone i.e. Malkangiri.

Search of Government Officials for unacounted wealth

1093. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the particulars of Government officials whose offices